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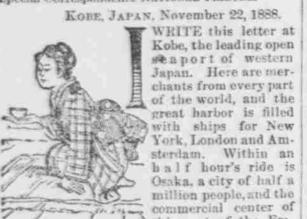
A CUP OF TEA.

All About the Culture of Japanese Tea, and Its Preparation for the Markets.

America Japan's Chief Customer-How Teas are Colored, and What the Wholesale Grocer Pays for Them-A Look at a Big Tea-Firing Estab-Hshment-Some Ingredients of Tea Which the Americans Know Not Of-Russians' Soup Made of Tea and Mare's Milk-The English as a Tea-Drinking Nation-The Mikado's Tea, and How It was Prepared-The Wonders of Japanese Tea Drinking, and a Recipe for a Perfect Tec-Party,

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porcelains are made. The whole country a minute to do the steaming. The moist about these cities is filled with industries, and the fields are rich in crops of rice, cotton and tea. The finest of Japan tea is grown within two hours' ride of where I am now writing. This is at Uji, where the tea is so fine that it costs from \$5 to \$8 a pound here in Japan, and where for years the tea has been grown for the Emperor and Empress. In Kobe much of the tea undergoes its final preparation for the market, and the air is at times laden with the aromatic flavor of the plant.

The United States is the greatest customer Japan has for its ten. We import enough of Japan tea every year to give half a pound to each man, woman and child in the United States, and according to figures furnished me by our Minister to Japan, Gov. Hubbard, we used last year nearly \$7,000,000 worth of Japan tea. The English take very little, and the black teas of China sell better there than do the green tens of Japan. Still, England and Russia are, outside of China and Japan (so a noted tea merchant of Yokohama tells me), the greatest tea drinking countries of the world, and the English lead the nations of Christendom as tea drinkers. London uses more tea than the whole United States, and we Americans are looked upon as a coffee-drinking Nation. "The most of the tea used in the United States," says this man, "is in the North and the West, and the parts of America which take the best tea are New England and the cities of Boston. New York and Chicago. As for China, it uses more tea in a day than the United States does | the local merchants, and these merchants sell in a year, and the Japanese from Mikado to it to the Japanese merchants at the scaports.

Japan, and the little maid-servant who trots in | has to buy it second hand at the scaport. The in her stocking feet, gets down on her knees, and hands you a blue cup of straw-colored liquid, is met at every turn. She is a pretty. black-haired, almond-eyed, coffee-colored beauty, and she bobs her head on the floor both before and after she has given you your drink. The cup in which she serves it is not larger than an egg-cup, and the saucer upon which it | employed in the firing establishments, and a is brought in is of metal rather than China. In | visit to one of these places is one of the strangest visiting a friend's house you are first treated to tea, and at stations along the country roads you will find pretty tea-houses decorated with lanterns, and having for sale fried fish, sweet cakes

and tea. The tea you get at such places is ofte: made of the leaves greet from the field. It tastes delicious when first made, but after standing a few minutes be comes as bitter as gall It is full of stimulating properties, and many made of the leaves green properties, and man-cups will drive awa sleep. I have known lady friends to be at

tacked with insomnia WAYSIDE TEA-HOUSE. from drinking too much of this Japan tea, and in ten of China. The ten is here taken without partake of the tea when offered.

The tea-plant of Japan is a species of the camelia. It grows very much like the Ameririse from a hight of from three to five feet, and | the tea-dust. the bushes of which are about two feet wide. These hedges run in parellel rows about as wide as those of a potato-field. They are carefully ments of Japan, and these teas are not dried | a pound. in copper vessels nor colored with copperas.

The coloring matter used for Japan teas is

of the first and best tea. The best of Japan tea | Chinese restaurants. may be known by its color when drawn. That | The leaves are redried which produces the lightest-colored liquor is the best tea, and this will be a surprise to many a bousewife. The water should be just on the tea in England. The verge of boiling, and it should be allowed to stand only a moment on the tea. You may know a good tea by its having a small, straight, band twisted wire leaf. It should have a high hard-twisted, wire leaf. It should have a high | twice and three times. polish, and should be hard. On being infused | They tell a story of an it should have this light strawcolor, and it | Englishman here who FARMERS PACKING should have a good aroma or bouquet.

The teas of Japan are made in eight grades, | ings. and of the fanciest teas only a few hundreds of porters of tea from Japan, I am able to give the | to be sent out for the poor." you. The "Choicest" of Japan tea costs the nothing about the quality of teas. wholesaler 33 cents a pound, and "Choice" teas costs 30 cents. The grade marked "Finest" sells out a lot of samples of teas we had received. We put high prices on the chean teas and chean a soulless and fiendish monopoly when it places per cent. as a rule, and I doubt not you will be | taste stronger in the cheap teas." surprised at the difference between the actual prices and those of the grocer. Teas are now of price, or it will not pay to raise the tea.

parts of the country each farmer has his tea | firing at Yokohama are now about 17 cents a

years, and the third year after the planting of the seed the teaplant bears leaves ready for picking. Tea has to have a well drained soil, and it is garden as our farmers have their orchards. day, and men do not receive over 25 cents a drained soil, and it is of the fillsides. The leaves are the best from

the fifth to the tenth PICKING TEA-LEAVES. year, but plants are said to live louger than the life of a man. Age does China here and not deteriorate them. The only difference is planted, and tea was for that they require more manure as they get older. | hundreds of years too The first tea crop of each year is the best, and expensive a luxury / this is made of the fresh green leaves of the | here for any but the nolast of April or the first of May. It takes bies. Nearly 200 years about a month to do the picking, and the work | ago the tea grown for is done almost entirely by girls. They kneel | the Mikado at Uji was Firing-Pan, Sieve, on the ground as they pick out the bright new | picked under the care BASKET AND SCOOP. green leaves from the old dark ones, and if a of an officer who was girl picks three pounds and a half of tea a day known as the Chief Purveyor of Tea. The she is doing very good work. Her wages are | pickers were prohibited from eating fish or from 10 to 15 cents for working from early in | unclean food for two weeks before the picking the morning until late in the evening, and she | began, lest their bad breath should spoil the has to be skilled in order to do good work. odor of the tea. While picking they washed Later on there is a second crop, and later still | themselves two or three times a day, and they a third crop of tea. The latter crops are, how- | touched the leaves with gloved hands. ever, tougher and not so succulent as the first, and the second crop is gathered in June and

they bring it and pour it into larger ones, which are carried away by coolies to be fired. Each farmer usually does the first firing of his ing ceremony. These rooms were situated in commercial center of this part of the Emplaced in a wooden tray, with a brass-wire square, and were hung with kakemone or pire. An hour further by rail brings you to bottom, over boiling water. A lid is put on Japanese pictures of certain kinds. There Kioto, where the finest of silks, brocades and to confine the steam, and it takes about half



leaves are then taken into the firing-room, where they are dried in a paper basin over charcoal. About six pounds of green leaves one of these Japanese coolies leans over the coolies leans over the pan and takes up the leaves and rubs them COLLECTING TEA AND to and fro between his sweaty hands. He works them into balls,

Carrying It. separates them again, again makes them into mills, and so goes on until all the leaves have become separately twisted and have changed in color from a bright green to a dark-olive purple. They are now laid out on another iring-tray, and allowed to remain there until they become brittle. They are then taken and soured into big earthen jars, each of which is arge enough to have held one of Ali Baba's Forty Thieves. These are sealed and are carried to Yokohama or Kobe, where they are again fired, sorted and prepared for shipping across the ocean.

In many of the tea plantations, however, the teas are sorted and sifted before they are sent away. The sorting is done by taking out the light and the heavy leaves, and the sifting in passing the tea through a tray, so that the fine leaves may be taken out from the coarse ones. The tea is often sold by the farmers to The Japanese merchants sell it to the foreigners, and the laws of Japan are such that an American cannot send his drummers through-You have tea offered you everywhere in out the country to pick up tea for him. He merchant himself has to have a Japanese or a Chinaman as a go-between, and he has to watch the Japanese very carefully in their dealings. After the tea comes in it has to be refired before shipping, and there are two methods of firing, one of which is pan-firing and the other is basket-firing. Large numbers of girls are sights in this country.

The pan-firing is done in long rows of pans set in brickwork and plaster. These pans are 21 inches wide and 13 inches deep. They have is hot her dress is pulled down to her waist, and her cream-colored arms and the upper part of her body are as bare as the bust of the Venus de Me lea As she leans over these big hot pans and with her warm hands stirs and kneads the drying tea, pearly drops of perspiration come out upon her back and chest, and it will not be strange if now and then one drops into the pan which she is preparing for our foreign palates. But there is not only one, this respect it is much more dangerous than the | but several hundred women engaged in this work. They mind not the perspiration nor milk or sugar, and there is a fashionable method | the heat, and they sing and jabber as they mix of drinking it, which is in three long sips and | the tea. It takes them from 40 to 65 minutes one short one. The louder the noise you make in | to finish one lot of tea, and after this hot-firing the sipping, the better the host will be pleased, | it is mixed from 25 to 40 minutes in cold pans. and it will be centrary to etiquet if you do not | It is during the hot-firing that the coloring matter, if any, is put in, and the tea is taken while still warm and boxed up in chests, lined with lead, for shipment. It is marked by coolies, and the cases are corded and made ready for the steamer. Before being put in the boxes, can boxwood, and it is planted in hedges, which | however, it is sifted, and from this sifting comes

America bought more than \$134,000 worth of tea-dust last year. This is sold, of course, cultivated, and the leaves of them form the tea | much cheaper than the tea, but tea merchants of commerce. These leaves are in shape and | here tell me that some of the wicked grocers of size not unlike those of a rosebush, but the America buy it and mix it with the tea. It is in plants are stocky and bushy, and they are of a reality as good as the tea itself, but it is a quesvery bright green. The idea is general in | tion as to whether it should bring so high a America that green tea is always colored. This | price. It is this tea-dust that forms a large is a mistake. The natural color of the tea leaf | part of the shipment of Japan tea to Russia. is green, and the purest tea. known as sun-dried | The Russians take it in bricks, and one of their tea, is of a green color. The later crops have | favorite foods is a soup made of this dust, not the bright color of the best tea, and it is mixed with mare's milk. They chew it also on this account that they are sometimes pre- like tobacco, and there is more of this brick tea pared with coloring matter which gives them | consumed in Siberia than the tea consumption the gloss of the green sun-dried. The coloring of all America. The tea-dust which is sent to of ten is, however, not so dangerous as many | America is cleaned by machinery, and it sells | tors advise rest of the mind and of the body, both suppose. I have visited the tea-firing establish- to the wholesale dealers for from 5 to 10 cents

As to the adulteration of Japan tea, it is much less than that of the Chinese, and the Indian indigo and soap- Government is doing everything it can to stop stone, neither of which | it. They inspect the tea occasionally, and such is poisonous. A bit of as they find adulterated is confiscated. The the indigo and soap- tea that goes to America is generally pure, stone is thrown into and there is very little of the tea that we use the drying-pan, which, | from Japan that does not come to us at first

with the fire under it, hand. The Chinese, I takes all the moisture am told, send out a out of the tea, and this great deal of tea which produces a green color has been once used by which resembles that Chinese families and

was buying tea, and TEA. said that it must be of such a nature that it would stand three draw-

"My customers," said he, "are of the better pounds are shipped. The Japanese use the best | classes. They are a church-going people, and teas themselves, and they pay prices for tea | are fond of charity. They want a tea that will which we would consider extravagant. From | give them two drawings for their own families, Mr. Varnum, one of the leading American ex. and will be still strong enough when dried

prices at which tens can be sold to wholesalers | An Englishman likes no tea but that of a in New York. If you will add to these the dark color, and a tea-taster of one of the largest probable profits of the jobbers and your grocers | English firms at Yokohama gave me his opinion you will get the prices that they ought to cost | that the majority of tea-drinking people knew

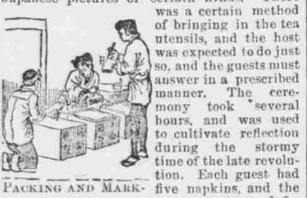
for 26 cents a pound, and "Fine," "Good," and | We put high prices on the cheap teas and cheap "Medium" are respectively 23, 20 and 18 cents | prices on good teas, and sent samples of both to a pound. "Good Common" Japan tea brings our customers. Out of 50 cases every man pre-16 cents a pound, and "Common" sells at 14 | ferred the poor high-priced tea, and this I becents. The retailer of teas makes about 100 lieve was because the color was blacker and the grown of late years, according to a female observer

Canada is the chief country outside of the lower in Japan than they have ever been in United States that drinks Japan tea, and our the past, and tea which has sold for \$40 a picul consumption of Japan tea has increased steadily of 130 pounds can now be bought for \$16. The since the opening of the country. Seventeen ant, and we trust that the practice is not spreading prices are now very nearly the cost of the pro- years ago we imported 17,000,000 pounds of tea in the way she believes it is. In Cuba, Mexico, and duction of the tea, and the tea merchants of a year. We now import about 40,000,000 Japan tell me that there must be an increase | pounds. It is a question whether we can raise tea in America, and it is uncertain whether it would pay if we could. When Le Duc was | see the daughters of Eve smoking tobacco, and not | Commissioner of Agriculture he had 250,000 Tea raising is by no means an inexpensive | tea plants set out in Georgia. They grew well, kind of farming. The tea here is produced but they had not the labor to prepare it for the correct, the facts could not be kept from the young chiefly by small land-owners, and in some markets. The wages of girls who work at tea- fellows, nor the old fellows either. - New York Sun. | family should have it.

ed with the tea-plant

since the year 805 A. D. It was at this time that the first tea-seeds were brought from

The ceremony of the Cha-no-yu, or teadrinking, was for a long time fashionable in Japan: and the ceremony of the manipulation The girls gather the tea in little baskets and of the serving of the tea and its drinking was taught by priests. The houses and temples had rooms set apart for this tea-drinkwas a certain method



was expected to do just so, and the guests must answer in a prescribed manner. The ceremony took several so, and the guests must hours, and was used to cultivate reflection during the stormy during the stormy time of the late revolution. Each guest had

PACKING AND MARK- five napkins, and the same cup was used for all the guests. The guest highest in rank was served first, and each guest, after sipping twice or thrice, wiped the edge of his cup with his napkin and passed it on. The superior guest was expected, after

tasting, to ask questions about the tea, as to where it came from, and so forth, and the host was the last to drink. As he did so he always apologized for the poorness of the infusion. The teacup used for this purpose was very fine. It was handed around and admired after the ceremony was over, and then other tea was given to the guests, smaller cups being According to one of the great authorities on

Japanese etiquet, the essentials for a perfect Japanese tea-party are, outside of the best of tea, the finest of cups and the most proper manners: purity, peacefulness, reverence, and detachment from all worldly cares. "Without these," said this man, "we cannot have a tea-party." FRANK G. CARPENTER.

> Too Much Slang. [Washington Critic.]

"These stockings are all wool?" she said, as she requested a clerk in an avenue store to wrap her up a half dozen pairs. "Oh, yes, miss," he answered in slangy

thoughtlessness, "they're all wool and a yard "Sir!" she exclaimed, indignantly; and before he could fully realize what he had said she whisked out of the store.

Don't Want Mustaches on Their Coachmen.

[Philadelphia Times.] If any one notices a peculiarly disgruntled expression on the faces of most of the Philadelphia coachmen they may know that it is all because their mistresses, bowing to the diccharcoal fires under them, and the ovens in | their mustaches. The average coachman is | up the Potomac. which they are placed make a table about as | pround of his mustache, and to have to sacrihigh as your waist. Imagine 20 long rows of | fice it is sorely felt. Not long since a coachman these pans, over each of which bends a offered to work for \$5 a month less if allowed Japanese girl or woman. If the weather to keep his mustache, and, being refused, quit.

> Cost of Intemperance. [Bangor Commercial.]

"But what an awful lot o' money these hightoned travelers waste for drink," said Uncle Abner, as he laid down his newspaper. "A

PERSONS AND THINGS.

- Citizen George Francis Train holds that flesh-eating is shortening human life. He has only contempt for people who dine upon the carcasses of animals and birds. He confines his diet to oatmeal and baked beans, and this, together with abundant fresh air, promises to carry him through 200 years of pleasant existence,

- Anthony Higgins, of Delaware, who is looming up as the coming Republican Senator from the peach-crop State, is a man of medium hight, about 48 years of age, with a sturdy figure and an amiable and earnest sort of manner. He calls nearly every man be meets Bill, Tom, Dick, or whatever the affectionate shortening of his name may be, and he is known by almost every man in the State. He is a lawyer of prominence, and he has achieved many successes at the Delaware bar.

- France has now a National League for the promotion of physical education, designed to fit her citizens to be soldiers. The program which has been completed includes outdoor games through-out the land, for which the local authorities will set apart a "green," whereon the children shall regularly "play."

—A Philadelphia Judge gave a jury a well-de-

served rebuke for acquitting a wife-beater. - J. M. Levy, proprietor of the London Daily Telegraph, died peacefully in his armchair. He was urged to go to bed, but refused, saying his rule was to go to bed at a certain hour, and he did not intend to deviate from his custom. - Emperor William of Germany has been far from well during the last three weeks, and the doc-

of which have been incessantly on the racket for nearly a year past. The Emperor has been suffering tortures from neuralgic headaches, and there for men, you know." has been a return of the purulent catarrh in the left ear, which has tormented him at intervals for several years. -Senator Quay's son says his father won but two betson the election. One was a silk hat, which

cigars, which the other fellows around the headquarters smoked for him. This was, indeed, hard Missionary Walker, describing his bill of fare in Central Africa, says he occasionally has white ants as a delicacy and likes them very much.

he couldn't wear, and the other was a box of

though it takes some time to get over the feeling of repugnance which ants at first excite as an arti-- The King of the Parisian Dudes is the Russian namented with jewels. Or perhaps he will receive you in a jacket of heliotrope velvet braided with brilliants. If he knows you well he will recline on a divan and toy with uncut diamonds and other precious stones. He does not say much, but he th' whole family, Nanshy."

-Adam Forepaugh, the showman, lost \$18,000 betting on Cleveland. FOR THE LADIES.

-The Marquise Taffini d'Acceglio, of Italy, cons sidered one of the beauties of King Humbert'-Court, was formerly Miss Wickersham, of Philadelphia. Her husband, the Marquis, is a Lieutenant-General in the Italian army and a man of wealth, besides being the 21st inheritor of his title. A sister of the Marchioness married a brother of Ex-President Gowen, of the Reading Road. -Amelic Rives Chanler continues her eccentricities in dress. She recently appeared in public with her hair let down behind and parted into two equal

strands, which were drawn over her shoulders and fastened together in front by a ribbon. Strange to say, this peculiar and original mode of wearing the hair was eminently becoming to Mrs. Chanler. It formed a kind of hirsute frame for her beautiful face and caused favorable comment from even | fused to heed his warning? Where did they

man who has six red-haired and freekled marriage-

able daughters .- Boston Courier. -The habit of eigaret-smoking by women has who knows as much about the matter as any other member of her/sex. She says that even in the fashionable life of the city there are damsels and "Yes dowagers who indulge in the practice, and that some of them roll their own cigarets, while others procure them ready for use. The only knowledge we have on the subject comes from our fair informsome of the countries of South America many of the Spanish-American ladies are addicted to the eigaret habit, and in some parts of Europe, especially Holland and Belgium, the traveler may often ashamed of their pipe; but such speciacles would be considered shocking in the United States. BeHUMOR.

A Filial Request.



"Please let me look at the old man once more, before you put him away."

After Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Stuffer-What's the matter, my dear? You look uncomfortable, Mr. Stuffer-I don't know. That turkey don't seem to set well. Mrs. S .- Maybe it isn't that kind of a turkey.

Practicing for the Inaugural Ball,



Veteran-Boys, I haven't danced much, so to speak, since Gettysburg; but I reckon I'll have to shake a lively peg at Comrade Ben's inaugu-

Mrs. Egg, of Maryland, scrambled for a position in the Treasury Department, and thought it was Fried-day. She got it.

The men of to-day must be stronger than ancient ones. For example, Samson was thought to have done a big thing when he pulled down the temple. Yet almost any day tates of fashion, will not allow them to wear a moderately strong rower may be seen pulling

> "Return To." [Albany Journal.]

A short time ago an order was received at Agitator. the Postoffice from Washington to return uncalled for postal cards to the writer in the only to make the statement, " Have somesame way as letters have been sent back. The | thing."-Toledo Blade. clerk who was assigned to this task turned over each card, read the writer's name and put it after the words "Return to" on the face of man who'll pay a hundred dollars for a saloon | the card. The distributing clerk was astonishpassage to England when he can go in the ed to find several of the cards indorsed with steerage for twenty is a slave to rum-that's directions like these: "Return to Father,' 'Return to Silas," " Return to Your Ownest Own," etc. Now, whenever the clerk makes his appearance in the office he is greeted with cries of "Return to Mamma."

Tongue Testers. [Baltimore News.]

The popularity of Peter Piper's celebrated peck of pickled peppers will probably never wane as a snare to catch the tongue that would fain be agile; but that test has formidable rivals. The following short sentences, as their authors maintain, do wonders in baffling the ordinary power of speech : Gaze on the gay gray brigade.

The sea ceaseth, and it sufficeth us. Say, should such a shapely sash shabby stitches show?

Strange strategic statistics. Give Grimes Jim's gilt gig-whip. Sarah in a shawl shoveled soft snow softly. She sells sea shells. A cup of coffee in a copper coffee-pot.

Smith's spirit-flask split Philip's sixth sister's fifth squirrel's skull. Not so Talkative.

[Judge.]

"Fifty cents, please," said the hotal clerk to the lady who had been using the telephone. "I thought the charge was only 10," she re-"Yes," he returned. "But that is the rate

At a Calcutta Reception.

[Puch.] Maj. McTavish-Mr. Fitch, I want you to know the Rajah of Cawnpohr, one of the most eminent disciples of Brahma. Mr. Fitch (of Illinois)-Proud to meet you,

At the Theater.

sir! It's th' best breed that ever laid an egg.

[Chicago Tribune.] "Absalom," said the wife, settling herself firmly in her scat, "you have gone out between Duke of Mondelfi. Think of a man attired in an ivory-plush dressing-gown, lined with peach-colored satin, garnished with silver braid and ornot budge.

"Tha-thass right, Nanshy," said Mr. Rambo, gold and clasped with ducal coronets studded with approvingly, as he climbed over her. "You shtay right here. I c'n (hic) budge 'nough f'r

His Preference. [Merchant Traveler.]

"Are you fond of dogs, Mr. Bliven," said a young woman as she caressed her pugs. Billy was too polite to reply in the negative, so he murmured. "Oh, certainly."

"Do you admire pags?" "Well, no, not very much." "What kind do you like best?"
"I think," said Billy, reflectively, "I like

A Clear Case. [Chicago Tribune.] "And now, children," remarked the Sundayschool Superintendent, "what happened to those wicked people who reviled Noah and re-

find themselves when the flood came?"

stuffed dogs better than most any other sort."

"In de soup!" exclaimed a class of newsboys one of its lights in front of the parlor windows of a on the back seat, with one voice, Lost Her Grip. [New York World.]

> "Well, Uncle Cicero, what makes you look so "Yes, sah; to tell you the trufe, my ole woman has begun to make buckwheat cakes, and she hasn't got into the swing of it yet,

Holiday Numbers. THE YOUTH'S COMPANION will publish this year four holiday numbers, at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter. The Weekly Illustrated Supplements have become a feature of the paper and will be continued. No other paper gives so much for so low a price. Really a \$2.50 paper for only \$1.75 a year. Every The Keturus Not All in Yet.

[Washington Post.] "Daniel," remarked the President yesterday, as he carefully replaced his check-book in the fireproof department of the safe.

"Yes, sire," responded Daniel, laying down a copy of The Insurance Gazette. "The election returns are not all in yet." "Sire," exclaimed Daniel, in evident alarm. "I said the election returns were not all in

Daniel gazed intently at his chief, fearful that the strain of the past week had exceeded the endurance of the human brain. "I do not understand, sire," he said, soothingly. "I think the returns are all in. At

least enough, sire," and he sighed like a No-

"No, no, Daniel," insisted the President, in grief-stricken tones; "they are not all in. Where's my \$10.000? There's no election returns for that, Daniel." And Daniel was silent,

Two of a Kind.

[Boston Transcript.] Friendly takes a seat beside a stranger in the rail car. Friendly is affability itself, and takes early occasion to remark: "Good morning, sir."

"Morning," comes grudgingly from the lips of the stranger.

"Fine morning, sir." "I know it." "We must expect cold weather pretty soon

Did you get that out of the almanac?"

"Pretty chilly already." "You'll find it warmer up there by the stove.'

"But I voted for Cleveland myself," persisted Friendly. The stranger pressed Friendly's hand fervently, but he said never a word. The two tears which rolled down his face were more eloquent than language.

College Yells. [Norristown Herald.] In the list of "college yells" going the rounds

of the press we fail to find any reference to the

Electoral College; but perhaps its pupils did all their yelling before they got there. From Everywhere.

Mamma-Well, did you tell God how naughty you have been? Lilly-No, I was ashamed. I thought it had better not get out of the family,-Life.

"Papa, it's going to snow before long, ain't it?" asked a little hopeful, and when his father replied by asking what made him think so, said: "Why, I see the Christmas things in the store windows."-Albany Journal, Epicurean host-By the way, how do you

like this cheese? Guest-Why, it's not half bad.

Epicurean host-Don't you think so? Then I'll have it put away until after Christmas .-A little daughter of a family on Alfred street

was teasing her mother, who at last said, hastily: Do be patient, child! Be patient." "I don't want to," retorted the little girl; 'that's what they put in the ambulance." Detroit Free Press. Deacon-Do they use the revised edition of the Bible at your church, Mrs. Hymnal?

Mrs. Hymnal-We used to do so, but since this craze for the antique began we did not wish to be behind the age, so we adopted the other book .- Lowell Citizen. Silver loses one-fifth of its weight for every year it lies submerged under salt water. In figuring on 100 bags of Spanish coin lost 50

how many oats they would hold,-Detroit Free The Republican candidate for sheriff in Sedalia, Mo., is named Sparagus. Of course he is in the soup.—Binghamton Republican.

years ago you can count only on the bags and

After all, it is the popular vote that elects a man. The vote that defeats him is bound to be unpopular with his followers .- New Orleans

You have no idea how palatable cornbread is when flour is \$8 or \$9 a barrel.-Buffalo

A Republican in a neighboring village illuminated his house because of the recent victory. His wife, however, is a Democrat, so she closed one blind on each window of the domicile to show that one-half the firm didn't sympathise with the demonstration .- Wellsboro (Pa.)

A word to the wise is sufficient. You have

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